



Prescott National Forest

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JIM CREEK TRAIL #235

GENERAL INFORMATION: Those looking for a rugged wilderness hike will not be disappointed by Jim Creek Trail #235. Although the trail begins in ponderosa forest, it quickly loses elevation. Pines are replaced by chaparral studded with beargrass, cat-claw, and agave. There are expansive views of Joe's Ridge and the surrounding country as TR 235 follows the sharp ridgeline above Jim Creek. Signs of human habitation and influence are strikingly absent. This adds to the landscape's profound sense of remoteness and offers backcountry travelers a unique experience of solitude. While it is unusual to encounter other hikers on the trail, run-ins with jackrabbits and mule deer are fairly common. Upturned rocks and rolled logs indicate that bears have passed through, foraging for grubs and other insects.

This trail is not for everyone. It is extremely rocky and steep, and there is little to no shade for most of its length. TR 235, which ends abruptly at the National Forest boundary, must be hiked out and back.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers and horseback riders. Please be considerate of others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: The best route from Prescott is by way of Mayer, especially in winter. From the Hwy 69/89 intersection, travel 15 miles on Hwy 69S to Hwy 169N. Continue on Hwy 69S 11.3 miles to Main Street, on the right. Turn onto Main Street and proceed to the junction with Antelope Creek Road (also CO 74). Turn left onto Antelope Creek Road and go approximately 7.2 miles to the community of Cordes. Continue straight as the road becomes FR 259. Continue on FR 259 for 20.4 miles, through Cleator, to Crown King. Travel another 0.6 miles to the junction with FR 52. Keep left and take FR 52 for 6 miles to the Horsethief Recreation Area. Continue 1.8 miles past Kentuck Campground to FR 696. Bear left onto FR 696 and travel 0.9 miles to the trail sign on the right. Parking is poor. The trailhead is located approximately 100 yards south of FR 696 at the Wilderness Boundary.

TRAVEL TIME: 2 hours from Prescott

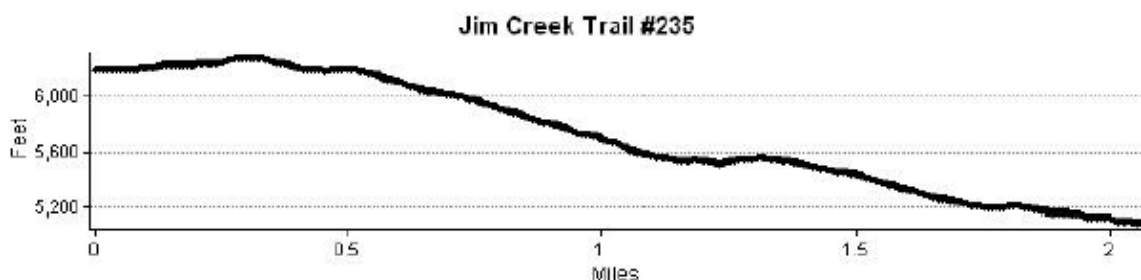
ROAD CONDITIONS: Dirt after Hwy 69. High-clearance and 4WD are recommended for the last stretch of FR 52 and FR 696.

HIKING TIME: 1.5 hours, one-way **LENGTH:** 2 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Difficult **USE:** Light

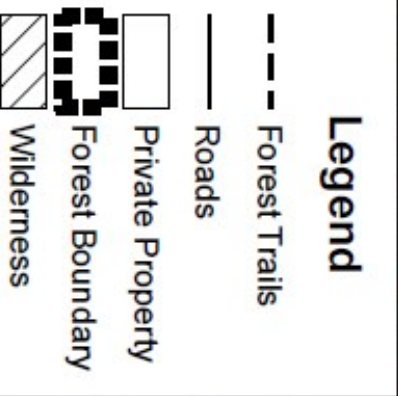
NOTES: This trail lies within the Castle Creek Wilderness. Motor vehicles and the use of any mechanized equipment, including bicycles, are prohibited. Wilderness is an important resource and national heritage—please, leave no trace. There is no water along the trail—come prepared. This trail is not recommended for horses.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quad for Crown King, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Bradshaw Mountains.



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